LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA

2020-01

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") is a severe respiratory illness that was first detected in the City of Wuhan. Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, COVID- 19 is a rapidly spreading virus that is transmitted from human to human and results in symptoms ranging from fever, cough, acute respiratory distress, pneumonia and even death; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 20-02; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Officer Designee of Warrick County, Indiana, Aaron Franz, has recommended Warrick County declare a local emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Warrick County, Indiana has been or is immediately threatened by COVID- 19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Indiana has issued additional directives with respect to COVID-19 which supplements Executive Order 20-02, and it is anticipated the Governor will continue to issue directives as needed until this emergency has passed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desire to do as much as possible to help flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19 and, in an abundance of caution, desires to support the actions taken by the Governor of the State of Indiana and to issue additional directives concerning specific governmental operations by and which impact Warrick County, Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE we, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, declare that a state of emergency exists in Warrick County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions that have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect throughout Warrick County, Indiana, for the exercise of all emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Warrick County and with the goal of the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All public offices and employees of Warrick County, Indiana, are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence and discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives -- state and local.

- 2. All citizens of Warrick County are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and disaster service forces and execute emergency operation plans and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.
- 3. From and after 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020, there shall be no public access except by prior appointment to the Warrick County Historic Courthouse, the Warrick County Jail, or any other County building or facility during the pendency of this proclamation. Furthermore, there shall be no public access to the Warrick County Judicial Center except for necessary individuals attending emergency Court proceedings as directed by the Courts, or by prior appointment to all other County offices.
- 4. This Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect for a period of twenty-one (21) days, expiring at midnight on April 7, 2020, subject to amendment or extension by the undersigned Board of Commissioners.

Passed and adopted by the Warrick County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of March, 2020.

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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